



CHEERING THE WINNERS AT THE L. A. W. MEET.



## THE GREAT L. A. W. MEET LIKE EPSOM ON DERBY DAY.

The Picturesque in the Great Gathering of the Wheelmen for a Two Days' Festival.

By Julian Hawthorne.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—Wheels, calves and Quakers. I had heard Philadelphia mentioned previously to embarking on the present adventure, but my personal knowledge of it had been limited. Now there, I feel better acquainted with the place. It would give me pleasure to describe it to others, but unfortunately my assignment restricts me to furnishing facts about the meet of the League of American Wheelmen. It is only fair to say, however, that the information I had received concerning Philadelphia was quite erroneous. It does not always rain here. I saw no Quakers whom I recognized as such, and so far from being slow, the city is whizzing with trolley cars.

Besides, there are the bicycles, to be sure. Eighteen thousand or so of those were brought here from other parts of the Union, but they must have been attracted hither by something congenial in the atmosphere. Possibly Philadelphia has changed since former travellers gave report of it. I observed that a statue, said to be of William Penn in Quaker garb, had been placed upon the summit of a very tall chimney or tower in the centre of the town, as if to have him as far out of the way as possible.

Philadelphia is a very pretty town and contains many pretty

girls. In spite of the meet there were many people on foot wearing long trousers or skirts, but the calves constitute the spectacular exhibition. Generally speaking, the members of the League had a business-like aspect. They were out for work more than show. Some of them wore the name of the place they came from on their breasts or backs. There were more medals displayed than I have seen among the crowned heads of Europe.

I looked in at the Arena, a lofty, vaulted amphitheatre, just north of the City Hall, on Broad street. Several alert and business-like young gentlemen, on learning my destitute condition, led me up with souvenir programmes and medals and dismissed me with courtesy. Acting upon their advice, I got into a trolley car on Thirteenth street, the conductor pulled the string and the thing went off.

The conductor collected 5 cents immediately, but after we had gone some distance he seemed to forget this and collected another. He did this even a third time. It may have been forgetfulness, however, but a subscription for the delightful races we were continually having with the wheelmen people all the way out to Willow Grove. If so, the races were well worth

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A DRINK FROM THE OLD WHEEL PUMP



WILLIAM PENN'S HOUSE IN FAIRMOUNT PARK

## LOUGHEAD WINS THE BIG RACE, And Ertz, a New York Boy, Captures the Mile Event for Amateurs at the L. A. W. Meet.

By A. G. Batchelder.

Philadelphia, Aug. 6.—Fred Loughead, the most versatile "in-and-out" of the cycle racing game, was in his best form this afternoon, and as a result he won the National League of American Wheelmen professional championship at the mile, and incidentally landed the other event of the same nature, the quarter-mile dash, included in the programme of the first day's races of the great League meet. Loughead was the amateur champion of Canada last year, and his home is in Canada. Though at the present he is a resident of this country, registering from Buffalo, from whence comes Bald, who was scheduled by the experts to make a clean sweep of all the championships, with the possible exception of the five mile, at which distance he has never accomplished much.

While it is undoubtedly true that Kiser did interfere with Bald in the mile race and easily stole the chances of that rider, it would be unfair to assert that Loughead's victory would not have been obtained had the two had it out down to the line without the occurrence of the regrettable incident that marred the struggle. The Canadian was moving to-day as he never moved before, and in view of the fact that only recently he defeated Bald, one cannot decline to rate him just now as likely a quantity as the Bison. Later races will show which one is the speedier.

Charles Ertz, a New York boy, who

wears the colors of the Riverside Wheelmen, won a hard-earned victory in the mile championship for amateurs, and in doing so contained the pick of the whole country he evolved the winner after numerous heats and semi-finals. It was not Peabody, of Chicago; Hattersley, of St. Louis; Powell, of New York; or Blake, of New Hampshire, who cut Ertz's lead at the line down to bare inches, but a youngster from Buffalo called Earl Stevens, who chanced shortly to turn professional and enter the Quill \$2,000 handicap.

12,000 People See Great Racing.

About 12,000 people attended the struggles at Willow Grove and the sport was of the glittered sort. The closing feature of the day was the attack on the mile paced record of 1:39.15, held by W. W. Hamilton. The first rider to try for the honor was Arthur Gardner. Assisted by two quadruplet teams he fell short of the desired figure by only two-fifths of a second. Apparently the record is within Gardner's grasp and he will try again. Starbuck, with pacing that was not of the best, could not do better than 1:44.35, and in changing from behind a triplet to a quadruplet, a couple of seconds were lost.

Most interesting were the four heats of professional mile championship, two in each qualifying for the final. A surprise of the first heat was the shutting out of Cooper and Gardner, the winner being Loughead, with the dusky Taylor at his rear wheel. Mosher took the second heat in spite of the fact that No. 13 adorned his back. Big Walter Sanger was the other

who obtained a license to figure in the final. At one time in the third heat it appeared as though Bald would be unable to get through, but he extricated himself in the straight and won with Callahan tacked on behind. Kiser scored very handsily in the concluding heat with Newton second.

The line-up of the final was: Bald, Loughead, Kiser, Mosher, Callahan, Taylor, Newhouse and Sanger. The pacing was of the double single variety, with Sanger and Welton out in front. Callahan reached the pace in advance of the others, and when the field had resolved itself into the inevitable procession, this was the order: Callahan, Taylor, Bald, Loughead, Newhouse, Kiser, Mosher and Sanger. One of the pacemakers retired at the half mile post, and this was the only incident until the backstretch of the final lap, when Kiser pulled out of the line and started to move up on the outside. He changed his house by some distance, and doing what appeared to be some execution with his elbow, Kiser finally overtook and beat Bald got through. Then the Bison tried for the flying figure in front, but the best that could be done was to reach his rear hub when the lane was struck. Kiser, a length back, only beat out Newton by the smallest of margins, as Taylor was lapped on the latter's wheel, with the others sitting up. Time, 2:03.35, was the fastest ever negotiated in a national championship.

Bald protested Kiser to Referee George G. Gideon, but as the one who laid the claim finished in front of the offender the protest was not acted upon. The two riders nearly came to blows in the training quarters, but cooler heads averted a collision. Bald thought he could have won had he not been interfered with, and he was very much chagrined to have lost the race that is prized above all others. But Loughead was on his good behavior to-day, and even had Bald drawn up on equal terms with him in the straight it is far from certain that the result would have been different at the tape.

Loughead's lining of speed was again made apparent in the quarter-mile championship, in the final of which the engaged ones were Gardner, Cooper, Randall, Bald and Loughead. Kiser having been shut out in the trials of the morning, Cooper jumped

out in front at the crack of the gun, but before many yards had been travelled Loughead was forced into the van. Randall came from behind with one of those long sprints which have made him all that he is in cycle racing. The broad-backed Rochesterian held a substantial advantage away round and halfway down the straight, when Loughead, with Cooper in hot pursuit, collared him, and he gave in to both of them. Bald did not ride with any heart, and the effects of the loss of the mile event had not entirely left him.

Sixty-five amateurs entered the mile championship for their class, and it required eight heats and two semi-finals to secure a final with six starters. Blake, Reith, Zimbrick, Goebler and Collett were among the good ones lost in the first trials. In the semi-finals Dawson fell by the way side because of a punctured tire, and Powell failed to get placed, as he did not ride fast enough. Johnson, Peabody, Stevens, Midendorf, Howard and Ertz were lined up for the final, with Collett as the pacemaker.

Ertz got to the place, and there remained until the speed-maker retired. Then the New Yorker set sail for home, and was never seriously threatened until in the last few yards, when little Stevens broke away from the others, dodged into the hole at the pole, and was only inches to the bad at the finish. Midendorf, a length behind, beat out Peabody, the much-touted Chicagoan.

But another Chicago rider, Llewellyn, retrieved the reputation of the Windy City by taking the third-mile dash for amateurs. Most Milwaukee, Wis.; E. W. Peabody, Chicago, second. Time, 2:16.15. Fourth heat won by C. M. Herr, New York; H. G. Gardner, Philadelphia, second. Time, 2:18. Fifth heat won by Fred Schade, Herndon, Pa.; J. J. R. Howard, St. Louis, Mo., second. Time, 2:16.15. Sixth heat won by John S. Johnson, Worcester, Mass.; Bert Ripley, Newark, N. J., second. Time, 2:15. Seventh heat won by R. A. Miller, Harlem, N. Y.; O. V. Babcock, Harlem, W. second. Time, 2:17. Eighth heat won by E. D. Stevens, Buffalo, second. Time, 2:21.35. First semi-final won by E. W. Peabody, Chicago; H. Llewellyn, Louisville, second. Time, 2:03.35. Second semi-final won by John S. Johnson, Worcester; E. D. Stevens, Buffalo, second. Time, 2:06. Final heat won by C. M. Ertz, Riverside, N. Y.; E. D. Stevens, Buffalo, second; H. W. Midendorf, Louisville, third. Time, 2 min. 16.25 sec. Won by six inches; half length between second and third. Paced by C. B. Collette, H. W. Peabody, J. S. Johnson and J. J. R. Howard finished in the order named.

ONE-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (PROFESSIONAL). First heat won by Fred J. Loughead, Sarina, Canada; "Major" Taylor, Cambridgeport, Mass., second. Time, 2 min. 14.15 sec. Paced by E. S. Akers. Second heat won by Howard P. Mosher, Storm King, N. Y.; W. C. Sanger, Milwaukee, second. Time, 2 min. 16 sec. Paced by J. A. Vender. Third heat won by E. C. Bald, of the bull lag, McFarland, second. Time, 2 min. 13.15 sec. Paced by C. W. Davis. Fourth heat won by Earl Kiser, Dayton, Ohio; E. R. Newton, Stafford Springs, Conn., second. Time, 2 min. 15.25 sec. Paced by A. T. Crooks. Final heat won by Fred J. Loughead, Sarina, Canada; E. C. Bald, Buffalo, second; Earl Kiser, Dayton, third. Time, 2 min. 8.35 sec. Paced by W. H. Seaton and Al Weing. Won by almost a length; half a length between second and third. C. R. Newton, "Major" Taylor, L. A. Callahan, W. C. Sanger and Howard Mosher finished in the order named.

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Summary.  
QUARTER-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (PROFESSIONAL).

First heat won by Tom Cooper, Detroit. Time, 32.25 sec. Second heat won by F. J. Loughead, Canada. Time, 34.25 sec. Third heat won by E. C. Bald, Buffalo. Time, 34 sec. Fourth heat won by Arthur Gardner, Chicago. Time, 32.15 sec. Fifth heat won by W. M. Randall, Rochester. Time, 33.15 sec.

Final heat won by F. J. Loughead, Sarina, Canada; Tom Cooper, Detroit, second; William Randall, Rochester, third; E. C. Bald, Buffalo, fourth; Arthur Gardner, Chicago, fifth. Time, 32 sec. Philatons won by inches.

ONE-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (AMATEUR).

First heat won by Ray Dawson, N. Y.; A. C. W. A. Latty, Harrisburg, Pa., second. Time, 2:27.25. Second heat won by L. A. Powell, N. Y.; A. C. H. W. Midendorf, Louisville, Pa., second. Time, 2:21.35. Third heat won by Charles Most, Milwaukee, Wis.; E. W. Peabody, Chicago, second. Time, 2:16.15. Fourth heat won by C. M. Herr, New York; H. G. Gardner, Philadelphia, second. Time, 2:18. Fifth heat won by Fred Schade, Herndon, Pa.; J. J. R. Howard, St. Louis, Mo., second. Time, 2:16.15. Sixth heat won by John S. Johnson, Worcester, Mass.; Bert Ripley, Newark, N. J., second. Time, 2:15. Seventh heat won by R. A. Miller, Harlem, N. Y.; O. V. Babcock, Harlem, W. second. Time, 2:17. Eighth heat won by E. D. Stevens, Buffalo, second. Time, 2:21.35. First semi-final won by E. W. Peabody, Chicago; H. Llewellyn, Louisville, second. Time, 2:03.35. Second semi-final won by John S. Johnson, Worcester; E. D. Stevens, Buffalo, second. Time, 2:06. Final heat won by C. M. Ertz, Riverside, N. Y.; E. D. Stevens, Buffalo, second; H. W. Midendorf, Louisville, third. Time, 2 min. 16.25 sec. Won by six inches; half length between second and third. Paced by C. B. Collette, H. W. Peabody, J. S. Johnson and J. J. R. Howard finished in the order named.

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THIRD-MILE OPEN (AMATEUR). Final heat won by Edward Llewellyn, Chicago;

W. H. Fearing, Jr., Columbia University, New York, second; Chuk Nelson, Springfield, Mass., third. Time, 43.35 seconds. Positions won by inches.

TWO-MILE HANDICAP (PROFESSIONAL).

Final heat won by F. A. McFarland, San Jose, Cal. (scratch); F. J. Loughead, Sarina, Canada (scratch); second, J. A. Newhouse, Buffalo (25 yards); third, C. L. Stevens, Ottumwa, Iowa (70 yards); fourth, C. A. Church, Philadelphia (40 yards); fifth, W. C. Sanger, Milwaukee (scratch); sixth, Time, 4 min. 30 sec. Won by three lengths; inches between second and third.

TWO-MILE HANDICAP (AMATEUR).

Final heat won by E. C. Hansman, New Haven, Conn. (scratch); R. A. Miller, Harlem, N. Y. (scratch); second, Edward Llewellyn, Chicago (60 yards); third, H. W. Midendorf, Louisville (60 yards); fourth, C. M. Rly, Northampton, Mass. (40 yards); fifth, W. A. Ludde, Cold Spring, N. Y. (70 yards); sixth, Time, 4 min. 30 sec. Won by a foot; inches between second and third.

News for the Cyclists.

Four amateur and three professional events are on the programme for the meet of the Atlantic Wheelmen at the Waverly track on August 14. Bald is among those who is expected to start.

Come all ye merry cycling men,  
Sound the horn, blow the horn,  
At last the Cicra's being paved,  
Just as sure as you are born.

Look out for obstructions on Eighth avenue; in fact, on pretty much all the well paved-up town streets. Where the pavement is not torn up, some new building is being erected, and great piles of material occupy a portion of the street. More than one bicycle has gone to the repair shop in consequence.

Probably the smallest number of club runs will be started in Greater New York on Sunday of any one day of the season. Cyclists who are not away on vacations are at Philadelphia, and several fixed events have been abandoned.

James Chase-Cross the Staten Island ferry to St. George. At the top of the hill turn left to Tompkinsville and ride on the shore road to Vanderbilt avenue. There turn right to New Dorp. At the latter place take the left fork of the road and go to Tottenville. Cross the ferry to Perth Amboy and take the train to Matawan. Go thence to Keyport, Bat Bank and Seabright. At the latter place turn north on the Ocean Boulevard direct to Asbury Park, passing through North Long Branch, West End and Elberon.

The Associated Cycling Clubs of New York will soon hold a coasting contest. The bill on which it is to take place has not been selected. Probably it will be in Westchester County.

DO YOU WANT HELP?

Advertise in the Sunday Journal's popular "Want" Supplement. The right kind of help assured. A 20-word "want" costs but 20 cents.

LOVERS PLOTTED MURDER.

Millard and Mrs. Meyer Indicted for Planning to Kill the Woman's Aged Husband.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—After Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vandoren left the Grand Jury room to-day indictments were found against Cordeon Millard and Mrs. Catharine E. Meyer for conspiring to murder Charles E. Meyer, her husband, of No. 543 La Salle avenue.

According to the story of the Vandorens, who live at No. 64 North Street street, they overheard Mrs. Meyer and Millard plotting to murder Meyer. Millard is a very handsome man, a criminal with a record. Meyer is an engraver and older than his pretty wife. He took Millard into his home and befriended him.

During the engraver's absence in New York last November, Millard and the wife fell in love with each other. She asked for a divorce, charging desertion. Meyer returned home and there was a family quarrel, and Millard was ordered away. Mrs. Meyer is said to have followed him. She had Meyer's property in her name, it amounted to \$10,000 in real estate. Millard and Mrs. Meyer, so Vandoren said, tried to sell him the Meyer property, but Meyer, who was in the way, Vandoren overheard Mrs. Meyer say: "Cory, you must leave the city. Go to Milwaukee or St. Louis, so you can prove your alibi."

He further says that on June 26 Millard came to him, drunk, and said: "I have made up my mind to kill that man myself. I had a talk with Frank Thompson, and he told me she had proposed to him to kill Meyer for the money he had in his clothes." Vandoren then notified Meyer. Millard was arrested, but released on \$5,000 bonds.

STARVING MAN STOLE MILK.

Complaint Not Pressed and Herbert Williams Was Discharged.

Herbert Williams, a young man of neat appearance, was a prisoner in the Yorkville Court yesterday morning on a charge of having stolen a bottle of milk valued at eight cents.

Williams admitted having stolen the milk, and he told Magistrate Wentworth that he had had nothing to eat in three days. He said he had never stolen anything before, and that he had been driven to it by poverty.

Magistrate Wentworth believed the man's story, gave him a cold and a letter to the Wayfarers' Lodge in West Twenty-sixth street. He told him that there was plenty of work in connection with the furniture there could not get enough help, then discharged him.